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LETTER DATED 6 NOVEMBER 1995 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I.
OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF YUGOSLAVIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Upon the instructions of my Government, I have the honour to inform you of the steps taken in order to establish the whereabouts of Mr. David Rhode, journalist of the Christian Science Monitor.

On 4 November 1995, in Dayton, Ohio, in the presence of Mr. Richard Holbrooke, United States Assistant Secretary of State, and Mr. John Menzies, United States Ambassador in Sarajevo, Dr. Nikola Koljević, Vice-President of the Republic of Srpska, informed the Rhode family that Mr. Rhode had been sentenced to two weeks in prison because of illegal border crossing in the territory of the Republic of Srpska and the possession of false documents. At the same time, Dr. Koljević indicated that the President of the Republic of Srpska, Dr. Radovan Karadžić, taking into account the request of the United States authorities and as a sign of goodwill during the peace negotiations, would immediately pardon Mr. Rhode.

On the same day, Mr. Rhode was allowed to speak with his family on the phone. He told his family and Dr. Koljević that he had not been harassed in any way and that he had received visits from representatives of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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